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TAKE YOUR SHOT

February 11: 42,67,532 doses
February 12: 44,63,682 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 172,75,94,539

NATIONWIDE	FEB 11	FEB 12
Fresh cases	58,077	50,407
Recoveries	1,50,407	1,36,962
Deaths	657	804

KARNATAKA	FEB 11	FEB 12
Fresh cases	3,976	3,202
Recoveries	11,377	8,988
Deaths	41	38

MONEY, MONEY... TALENT MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Fast bowlers, overseas all-rounders and uncapped Indian batters were in high demand on the first day of the IPL mega auction as all ten teams try to build a core group for the next few years

BIZARRE STOPPAGE AS AUCTIONEER COLLAPSES

- The proceedings had an abrupt break when auctioneer Hugh Edmeades collapsed while having the Sri Lanka leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga's name under the hammer.
- He fell from his auction pedestal due to Postural Hypotension, a statement from IPL said.
- While the medical team said that Edmeades is stable, Charu Sharma took over as auctioneer in the second half of the day | P13

HIGHEST BUYS ON DAY ONE

Player	Price	Buyer	Player	Price	Buyer
Ishan Kishan	₹15.25 Cr	MI	Wanindu Hasaranga	₹10.75 Cr	RCB
Deepak Chahar	₹14 Cr	CSK	Shardul Thakur	₹10.75 Cr	DC
Shreyas Iyer	₹12.25 Cr	KKR	Harshal Patel	₹10.75 Cr	RCB
Nicholas Pooran	₹10.75 Cr	SRH	Prasidh Krishna	₹10 Cr	RR
			Lockie Ferguson	₹10 Cr	GT

₹70.2 Cr

MAKE OF THE TEN FAST BOWLERS WHOM THE FIRST SET WERE SOLD FOR A CUMULATIVE PRICE OF ₹70.2 CR. UMESH YADAV WAS ONLY ONE TO GO UNSOLD.

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₹10cr for Prasidh in IPL auction

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IT has been a week to remember for Karnataka pacer **Prasidh Krishna**. After winning the man of the series in the ODI series against West Indies recently, the speedster was picked by Rajasthan Royals for a whopping Rs 10 crore at the IPL 2022 auction, making him one of the costliest buys. Meanwhile, Lucknow availed the services of Karnataka captain Manish Pandey for Rs 4.6 crore. Gujarat added Abhinav Manohar, who was one of the best find for the state in the domestic season, bagged a maiden IPL contract for Rs 2.6 crore.

PU colleges to stay shut till Feb 15

Govt waiting for report from Home Department; Officials meet community leaders

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HOLIDAYS for all pre-university colleges, which were closed for three days earlier this week after the hijab controversy turned violent, have been extended till February 15.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh announced on Saturday that the decision was taken as the issue of uniforms for students of schools and PU colleges had led to unpleasant incidents.

A notification issued by his department stated that pre-university colleges, including government, subsidised and non-subsidised institutions, will be closed till February 15. However, Classes 9 and 10 will function normally starting from Monday, as ordered by the Karnataka High Court. The government had earlier stated that PU colleges too will reopen from Monday.

The government, meanwhile, denied that it is waiting for the final orders of the high court on hijab row petitions to reopen junior colleges and other higher educational institutions.

Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said the high court on Friday passed the interim order, directing the government to reopen educational institutions. "The government, however, is waiting for a report from the Home Department as we should be prepared to handle the situation after reopening institutions," he said.

Meanwhile, district authorities on Saturday held meetings with community leaders to ensure law and order is maintained and students return to school on Monday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had held a virtual conference with deputy commissioners, superintendents of police and chief executive officers of zilla panchayats on Friday evening and asked them to implement the High Court order in their respective jurisdictions. P4

Police personnel deputed outside Vidyasagar English Public School in Bengaluru on Friday following a protest by parents against alleged discrimination by a teacher

'Schools only for academic activities'

Mangaluru: Amid the hijab row frenzy, videos of students offering prayers on school premises in Dakshina Kannada and Bagalkot districts went viral, after which education department officials rushed to the schools to contain the situation. The School Development and Monitoring Committee of the Government Higher Primary School in Ankatadka village in Dakshina Kannada and the headmaster of a government school in Ilkal town said they will ensure that school premises are to be used only for academic activities.

Hijab issue hits school in Bengaluru

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FOR the first time since the hijab controversy broke out in other parts of the state, it has made its way into a Bengaluru school. Parents of students in a school at Chandra Layout on Saturday morning protested against alleged abusive and communal statements made by a teacher against some girls who entered the school wearing hijab.

A senior police officer said that over 100 people, including women, gathered on the premises of Vidyasagar Public School around 11 am, alleging that some girls from Class 7 were not allowed inside the school as they were wearing hijab. They alleged that the teacher threatened the children over their religious identity.

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HAMARA BAJAJ: THE LAST RIDE TOGETHER

He was the doyen of India's auto industry but was better known for his outspokenness than perhaps his business acumen. Rahul Bajaj, who called himself "born anti-establishment", had had his fair share of brush with the might of the government, regardless of whichever party was in power.

Born in Kolkata, Bajaj's entrepreneurship journey was eventful. An alumnus of Harvard Business School, he took over as the CEO of Bajaj Auto in 1968 and was appointed MD in 1972.

It was under his leadership that Bajaj's scooters archived a stardom like no other product in India. In the 1970s and 1980s, Bajaj Chetak scooter became an aspirational symbol for the middle-class, with the 'Humara Bajaj' tune becoming synonymous with their hopes of a better future.

Under his leadership, Bajaj Auto saw its turnover grow from a measly 17.2 crore to ₹12,000 crore with the firm's scooters becoming the mainstay. The industrialist for decades also steered the group's other businesses such as general and life insurance, investment and consumer finance, home appliances, electric lamps, wind energy, special alloy and stainless steel, material handling equipment and travel.

While his achievements in corporate world is extraordinary, it was his courage to raise issues that were uncomfortable to the ruling dispensation that made him stand apart. According to some, Bajaj provided the much-needed spine to India Inc. "The 'spine' of Indian business cracks. A close family friend, he was a visionary, straight talking and very respected for his value systems," said Harsh Goenka, chairman of RPG Group.

Uday Kotak, MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank, described Bajaj as bold and fearless. "A rare businessman who spoke truth to power," said Kotak. P9

Shri Rahul Bajaj Ji will be remembered for his noteworthy contributions to the world of commerce & industry - PMNarendra Modi

Won't disturb OBC quota for panchayat polls: CM

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said he will hold a separate meeting with experts to discuss how the OBC quota can be kept intact for the zilla and taluk panchayat elections.

"In the wake of the Supreme Court order on providing reservations only for SC/STs and not for OBCs, we will discuss its impact in the state. A decision will be taken on how to conduct the polls without disturbing the reservations for other backward classes (OBCs)," he said.

Sources said that the chief minister will hold the meeting with ministers hailing from backward classes, department officials and also legal experts.

Bommai's assurance has given hope to aspirants of zilla and taluk panchayat polls, especially OBCs.

A decision will be taken on how to conduct the polls without disturbing the reservations for OBCs
– Basavaraj Bommai

EXPRESS READ

Mallya gets to keep his London home

New Delhi: A favourable order by the Supreme Court of Bahamas on Friday has allowed Vijay Mallya, former owner of United Breweries, to keep the possession of his London home. The order approved Swiss bank, UBS, to get access to funds from Mallya's trusts that are registered in Bahamas to redeem the mortgage and any associated interest.

Dhami: Will enforce uniform civil code

Dehradun: Amid the hijab row in Karnataka, Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday promised to implement the uniform civil code in the state if the BJP comes back to power. P9

Mamata dissolves TMC top posts

Kolkata: In what may be construed as the widening rift between TMC chief Mamata Banerjee and her nephew Abhishek, the party on Saturday dissolved posts of all top-level office bearers. P10

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